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UNIT OVERVIEW

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Family—A Godly Heritage

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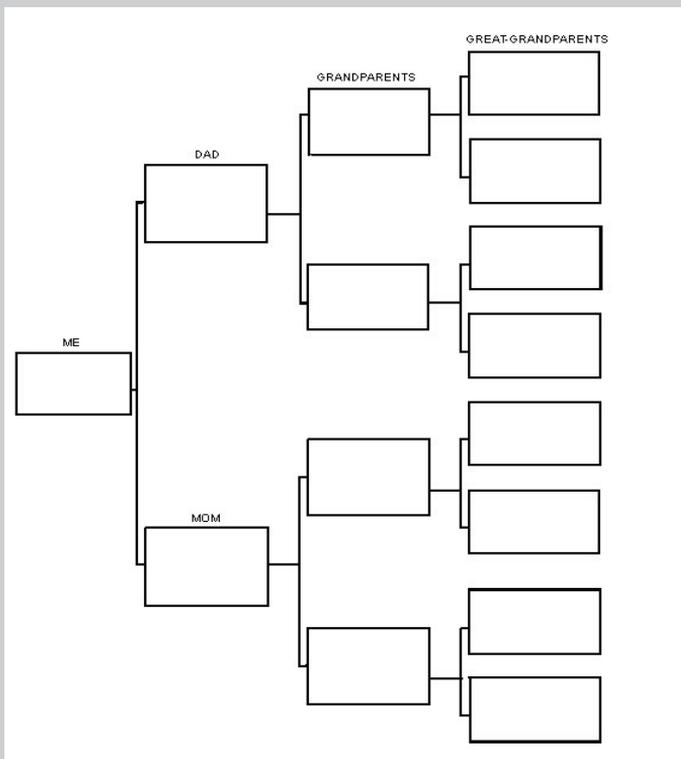


All people come from families. Your family is God's gift to you and you are God's gift to your family.

Family units are made up of different persons. Each person in the family is important and has a role to play. Fathers, mothers, grandparents, aunts and uncles have major responsibilities in a family and so do you.

The lessons in the May unit teach truths about families which might be just like yours.

Do you know the names of your family members? Fill each box below with their names. Ask your older family members to tell you the names you do not know and an interesting fact about each one.



Lesson Title:

Boaz Marries Ruth

Bible Focus:

Ruth 2; 4:1-6, 13-17

Memory Verse:

"Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer."
Ruth 4:14b NIV

Central Truth:

Family members should show special care for each other.

Ruth, the widow of one of Naomi's sons, went with Naomi to live in Bethlehem. Naomi had returned there after her husband and two sons died.

After they were in Bethlehem for a while, Ruth decided that she should do some kind of work. It was harvest time and she went to a field owned by a rich man named Boaz. She gleaned in the fields, following the harvesters and picking up any barley that they dropped.

Boaz went to the field to greet the harvesters. He noticed Ruth in the field. He heard that she had come from Moab, with Naomi. Immediately, Boaz was attracted to Ruth. He liked her a lot. He was a godly man. He helped Ruth by ordering his harvesters to leave handfuls of grain behind so that she would have enough to meet her needs.

When Ruth told Naomi about Boaz and his kindness, Naomi praised God and said, "... *That man is our close relative; he is one of our kinsman-redeemers*" (Ruth 2:20 NIV).

Boaz was related to Naomi's husband, Elimelech, and to her sons, all of whom had died. In that country, there was a custom that when a man died, one of his close relatives could marry the widow. This would give the new husband the right and duty to protect the property, as well as the family of the dead man.

As time passed, Boaz wanted to marry Ruth. This would allow him to look after Naomi and her family's inheritance. He told Ruth, "I am your husband's relative, but there is another man who is a closer relative to you than I am. Tomorrow I will speak with him. If he will be your

kinsman-redeemer, fine; if not, I will be happy to marry you.”

The next day, Boaz found out that the man wanted the land but he did not want the responsibility of taking care of Ruth and Naomi. The custom of the country was that he could not have one without the other. That cleared the way for Boaz. He and Ruth got married. They were happy together. Naomi went to live with them.

God blessed the family with a little boy. His name was Obed. Obed became the grandfather of the great King David who was a relative of Jesus Christ.

The story shows that Boaz respected his family so much that he was willing to take on the responsibility of caring for the widow, Ruth and Naomi her mother-in-law. He was unlike the relative who selfishly wanted the land but not the task of caring for the women.

The story also shows that God rewards those who take care of their family members. Boaz’ name is mentioned in the Bible, in the great family line of our Messiah, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.



Learning Activities



1: Daily Bible Search

Each day after reading the passage, write one sentence telling why you think the family should celebrate.

Sunday: Genesis 33:1-8 _____

Monday: Genesis 50:17-25 _____

Tuesday: Luke 1:57-58, 62-64 _____

Wednesday: Genesis 33:1-11 _____

Thursday: John 11:38-43 _____

Friday: Genesis 21:1-6 _____

Saturday: 1Samuel 1:20-27 _____

2. Word Connection

Barley: A grain-bearing plant in the grass family. The grain is one of the most popular cereal crops. It is used to make products such as flour, malt and animal foods. Barley is good for human health.

Kinsman-redeemer: A modern name for this is *legal guardian*. This is a person who has the right or duty to care for the property of another person. Usually, a *legal guardian* is needed to represent someone such as a parent or husband who died.

Moabite: People who lived in the country of Moab, east of the Dead Sea. The country and people were named after Lot's son, Moab.

Inheritance: Any possession such as land, money or personal articles which passed on to someone after the death of the owner.

3. Applying the Lesson

Sometimes, people refuse to be helpful to family members who are in need. Some reasons are suggested below. Beside each reason, write a godly action which would bring change in the family and help the family members to be helpful to each other.

Family dispute: _____

Pride: _____

Selfishness: _____

Hatred: _____

Shame: _____

Fear: _____

Old grudge: _____

Unit Title: **FAMILY—A GODLY HERITAGE**

Lesson Title:

A Mother Shows Her Love

Bible Focus:

1 Kings 3:16-28

Memory Verse:

*“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”***Proverbs 31:29 NIV**

Central Truth:

The heart of a good mother is full of love.

One day, two women went to wise King Solomon with a big problem. One of them carried a baby in her arms. The other woman wanted to get the baby away from her.

The woman without the baby said, “O my lord, please make this woman give me my baby. We live in the same house and we both had baby sons.

“Last night, her baby died because she lay on him in her sleep. When she awoke and noticed that her baby was dead she came quietly to my bed and took my baby son, while I was sleeping. She left her dead baby in my bed.

“When I woke up and looked at the dead baby, I knew he was not my son. She is refusing to give me back my son.”

The woman with the baby shouted, “Do not listen to her, O King. The living baby is my son, and the dead baby is hers!”

“No, you are lying! The baby in your hand is mine,” said the first mother, loudly.

The king must have scratched his head as he thought about the case. He turned to his soldiers. “Bring me a sword,” he commanded. When they brought the sword, he said, “Cut the living baby in two. Give half to one mother and half to the other.”

As a soldier took the baby to obey the king, the woman without the baby screamed, “O King, let her keep the living baby! Do not kill him!” At the same time, the other woman said, “It is a good idea to share the baby, give each of us half.”

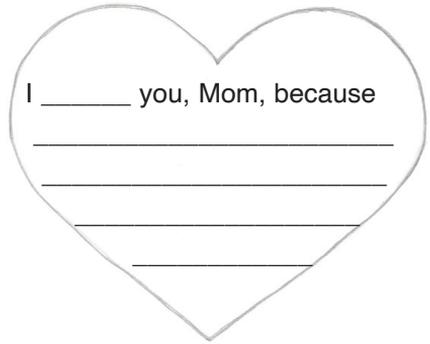
Solomon knew the love that mothers have for their children and that a normal mother would do anything she could to protect her child. He knew that the mother who wanted to spare her son’s life was the true mother. He commanded that the baby be returned to her.

Spend some time thinking about your mother or the person who plays the role of mother to you. Acknowledge all the pain and sacrifice she is taking to raise you. Sometimes, she has to stay awake at night to protect you or to care for you when you are sick.

You should always make your mother proud that you are her son or daughter, especially in the way you behave at home, at school and on the street. On *Mother's Day*, make your mom feel extra special with loving words and actions.

Tell her how special she is to you. Thank her for her special love and care which she shows you in countless ways.

Complete the sentence in the heart.



 **Learning Activities** 

1: Daily Bible Search

The Bible texts for this week reflect descriptions of a mother. Each day after reading the text, choose from the words in bold, the word which represents what the text says and write it on the line beside the text.

Sunday: Exodus 2:1-10 _____ **PRAYERFUL**

Monday: Proverbs 31:12 _____ **WISE**

Tuesday: Luke 2:38 _____ **LOVING**

Wednesday: Acts 12:12 _____ **GOOD**

Thursday: Proverbs 31:26 _____ **PRAISEWORTHY**

Friday: Genesis 32:11 _____ **PROTECTIVE**

Saturday: Proverbs 31:28 _____ **THANKFUL**

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